

## Artificial turf a step closer

A full-sized artificial turf field for Waitakere is a step closer with the council approving an update to the Parrs Park management plan.

The decision paves the way for development of the surface on the existing number 8 and 9 fields of the popular Glen Eden sportsground.

Funding of \$1.9 million is provided in the draft 10 Year Plan 2009-2019 to install an artificial turf field in a citywide sports park, with associated fencing, flood lighting and changing rooms.

Detailed design work will start in 2010/11 and the field is expected to be ready for play in 2012.

Infrastructure and Works Committee chairman Derek Battersby says Parrs Park is the most

suitable of a range of existing sports fields for the development of an artificial turf field.

"Parrs Park is an obvious choice for such a community asset. One of the most recognised parks in Waitakere, it hosts a wide range of sporting activities and is adjacent to a large, new subdivision," he said.

Cr Battersby says there will be many benefits including increased playing hours and field capacity as well as opening up new sporting opportunities.

The approved management plan revisions will also allow resident park users to extend their existing facilities, and will provide for a new network of walkways through the under-utilised north-western end of the park.

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